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## To whom it may concern:

Despite the lofty goals expressed, the Energy Master Plan (EMP) is seriously deficient.

What NJ needs is not "clean" energy, but 100% renewable energy. Current solar and coming wind energy plans are a great but feeble step in the right direction. Those plans should be vigorously extended and multiplied.

Currently active projects to expand natural gas pipelines, compressor stations, and power plants should be terminated immediately. The Meadowlands plant is an abomination that will only produce pollution in NJ, with prevailing winds concentrating it against the Palissades. The Roseland compressor plant will be a white elephant in 5 years time, just producing pollution.

The plan for a natural gas fired power plant for NJ Transit is total balderdash. Let's look at that idea: Railroads constitute an enormous amount of easily exploitable surface that is already in the possession of the state (or possession of Amtrak). Take a look at the "Solar Tunnel" near Antwerp, Belgium, that provides power for their railroads since 2011 -

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Why not replicate that kind of project that I have seen myself from a car, as well as inside the Thalys high speed train?

NJ needs renewable energy - please steer us in the right direction in all haste!

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